

REPORT OF ASSESSING OFFICE

The Assessing Office has just completed a town-wide update for this year. Tom Sargent, our Town Assessor, did this in house. This was accomplished with the use of our Vision software program. All went well. Tom met with several property owners with questions and reviews of their property values.

The new values for the year 2006 were based on market value as of April 1, 2006.

These values can be viewed by going to www.visionappraisal.com Click on the line database access. Proceed to the NH website. Click on Alton, which is the second one listed. Follow the remaining instructions. This can be viewed by street name, owners name, or the map, blocks and lot information. There is also a link to this site from the Alton web site www.alton.nh.gov following the same instructions. Please keep in mind that this is for *informational* purposes only and *not* an official document. The official assessment card can be obtained at the Assessing Office in the Town Hall.

In April of 2007, the Assessor will be reviewing market information so as to decide if the Town will need another town-wide update for the current year. In the upcoming months the Town will be going through a total measure and inspection of all properties in Alton. The last time that this had been accomplished was in 1995. All property owners will be notified of this visit ahead of time. This will be accomplished by a certified measurer and lister.

The Assessing Office is now reviewing all current use properties for proper current use applications and guidelines. This is being done in RSA compliance with the Department of Revenue.

Anyone wishing to apply for the veterans' tax credit and/or elderly exemptions must do so by April 15, 2007. This also applies for the current use application.

The Assessing Office staff is here to assist the Alton property owners. We welcome your questions and are here to help through each phase of the assessing process. This also includes current use issues, intent to cuts and excavation questions. Our office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. You can reach us at 875-2167 or visit us in person at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Sargent Certified NH Assessor
Kathy Currier Secretary
Jan Coull Secretary

2006 FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE ASSESSING OFFICE

ASSESSMENT VALUES:

| | | | |
|----|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| A. | Total of Taxable Land | | \$1,009,805,288 |
| | Residential Land | \$ 979,630,982 | |
| | Commercial/Industrial Land | \$ 27,943,025 | |
| | Land in Current Use | \$ 2,074,617 | |
| | Conservation Land | \$ 156,664 | |
| B. | Total of Taxable Buildings | | \$ 579,245,600 |
| | Residential Buildings | \$ 540,575,700 | |
| | Commercial/Industrial Buildings | \$ 26,160,100 | |
| | Manufactured Housing | \$ 12,509,800 | |
| C. | Total of Public Utilities | | \$ 4,698,700 |
| D. | Total of Exemptions | | \$2,084,200 |
| | Blind (2) | \$ 30,000 | |
| | Elderly (33) | \$ 2,009,300 | |
| | Disabled (1) | \$ 40,000 | |
| | Alternative Energy | \$ 4,900 | |
| E. | Total Veterans Credit | | \$202,850 |
| | Veterans Tax Credit of \$500 (381) | \$ 190,250 | |
| | Permanently Disabled \$1,400 (9) | \$ 12,600 | |

NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED: \$1,591,665,388 (2006)

Five year tax rate history of Alton

| | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Town: | 4.59 | 4.41 | 4.36 | 2.76 | 2.55 |
| County: | 4.67 | 1.93 | 2.11 | 1.21 | 1.11 |
| School: | 4.57 | 5.83 | 6.64 | 3.88 | 3.87 |
| State: | 1.83 | 4.67 | 3.88 | 2.42 | 2.17 |
| Total | 15.66 | 16.84 | 16.99 | 10.27 | 9.70 |
| Tax Ratio | 81% | 67% | 62% | 96% | 98.6% |
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